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Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

"Request for Review"
"Request for Waiver"
CC Docket No. 02-6

## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Please accept this letter as a Request for Review for the SLD's decision to deny an appeal for District of Columbia Public Schools for Year 2005 funding request. I have enclosed for information a copy of the denial letter dated September 1, 2005.

Applicant Name:

District of Columbia Public Schools

Billed Entity Number:

126340

Form 471 App. Number:

479007

Funding Request Number:

1324323

As the Service Provider, Achieve Telecom Network of MA, LLC SPIN 143026761, I request that the FCC fully examine the current situation regarding the District of Columbia Public School regarding Funding Year 2005 and the denial by the SLD for such funding to DCPS. I am submitting this appeal directly to the FCC at the suggestion of Mr. Mel Blackwell, Acting Vice President of the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company.

At this time, I ask the FCC to immediately overturn the SLD's decision to deny the District of Columbia Public Schools request for funding of Form 471 Application Number 479007; FRN 1324323 for Funding Year 2005. In addition, please extend the deadline for the delivery of services under this funding request to allow for the anticipated 12 months of service.

Over the past year, the DCPS system has experienced a great deal of administrative changes including a new Superintendent who has implemented vast changes and personnel. Unfortunately, one of those changes resulted in the certifications for DCPS not to be signed and submitted to the SLD on time as requested by the PIA reviewer. The certifications were due to the SLD on August 18, 2005. On August 16, 2005, the CTO, Charles Thompson resigned and walked off the job and left the required certifications on his desk without signing them. Not more

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than a week earlier, the SLD was in DCPS conducting an onsite audit of DCPS and its use of e-Rate funds. This incident is clearly an unfortunate circumstance which appears to be a result of interoffice politics.

At this time, I respectfully request that the FCC consider allowing a wavier for DCPS which would give them the opportunity to hand deliver the signed certifications to Mr. Blackwell at the USAC corporate offices in D.C. It would be a great disservice to the students, teachers and the community to not fully evaluate the circumstances at DCPS and consider all options allowable by the FCC to reinstate funding for Year 2005.

I thank you for your time and consideration. If you should require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email at joyjackson@achievetelnet.com, office direct dial at 781-737-1891 or via cell phone at 865-414-6624.

Sincerely

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